Language of Official Correspondence.

READ.—

Letter No. C. 475 of 24-25, dated 15th December 1924, from the Inspector-General of Education, regarding the introduction of Kannada as the language of official correspondence.

ORDER No. E. 5076—EDN. 146-24-2, DATED 16TH FEBRUARY 1925.

The Inspector-General of Education reports that at present correspondence between the offices of the Assistant Inspectors and District Inspectors on the one hand, and Head Masters of Primary Schools, subordinate officers of other departments and private individuals on the other, is being carried on in Kannada. He proposes to issue instructions that in future, correspondence between the Assistant Inspectors and District Inspectors, and the Assistant Inspectresses and the Inspectress, may be in Kannada as far as possible, the District Inspectors and Inspectresses continuing to correspond in English with the higher officers, with the enclosures, if any, in Kannada. The Urdu Inspectorate will carry on correspondence as heretofore.

In view of the importance of the measure of introducing Kannada as the language of official correspondence in the lower offices and also in view of the discussions at the recent session of the Legislative Council, Government consider that a beginning may be made with the Lower Inspectorate in the Education Department and are accordingly pleased to approve of the above proposals of the Inspector-General of Education. He is requested to issue a suitable Circular in the matter.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Offg. Chief Secretary to Government.

LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE SECRETARIAT.

Drinking Water Wells.

READ —

The following communications from the Presidents of the District Boards, submitting statements showing the progress of Drinking Water Well Works in their districts during the half-year ended with 30th June 1924:—

1. Letter No. C. 15-1, dated the 22nd July 1924, from the President, District Board, Kolar District.
2. Letter No. Per. 11-12—L. B., dated the 4th August 1924, from the President, District Board, Mysore District.
3. Letter No. 11-2, dated the 15th July 1924, from the President, District Board, Bangalore District.
4. Letter No. 6-2, dated the 30th July 1924, from the President, District Board, Hassan District.
5. Letter No. L. B. 51—24-25, dated the 8th August 1924, from the President, District Board, Kadur District.
6. Letter No. Gl. 143—24-25, dated the 9th August 1924, from the President, District Board, Tumkur District.
7. Letter No. P. R. 21-2—L. B. 24-25, dated the 11th August 1924, from the President, District Board, Shimoga District.
8. Letter No. C. 367—L. F. 24-25, dated the 26th—27th December 1924, from the President, District Board, Chitaldrug District.

ORDER No. L. 5738-47—L. B. 47-24-13, DATED 5TH FEBRUARY 1925.

The half-yearly report due from the Chitaldrug District was forwarded to Government after an inordinately long delay.

2. It is seen from the abstract statement of progress annexed that 292 wells were completed against 46 during the previous half-year, and 1,275 wells at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,28,888 were in progress. Contributions by cash and labour respectively were Rs. 16,237 and Rs. 37,176 or Rs. 53,413 in all, and 385 wells at a cost of Rs. 1,09,409 were undertaken without people's contribution against 320 wells costing Rs. 1,15,582 during the previous half-year. The actual amount incurred on account of Drinking Water Wells during the half-year was Rs. 1,00,622 against Rs. 14,164 during the previous half-year. The large increase has to be attributed to the larger number of wells completed.

3. The allotment during the half-year has not been noted in the statements of the Mysore and Shimoga Districts and the number of wells to be provided has not been entered in the statement for the Mysore District. The Presidents are requested to see that the statements are sent up in a complete form in future.

4. In the Kadur District, the allotment was very small. The progress in the Tumkur and Kolar Districts was satisfactory while the lapse of available funds in the Bangalore, Chitaldrug and Hassan Districts was considerable. The Presidents are requested to minimise lapses and show better progress and see that all works executed are promptly paid for.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.